

SEND Information Report - July 2026

At Gracelands Nursery school, we are dedicated to ensuring that all children fulfil their potential. We believe all children have a right to an inclusive environment.

Our intention is to improve choice and transparency to enable families to make informed choices and have greater control over services they wish to access. Our aim is to set out a local offer of services for children with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities and their families.

As part of our commitment to the values of Rights Respecting Schools, we fully support:

“The purpose of education is to develop every child’s personality, talents and mental and physical abilities.” (Article 29)



Open and Honest
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What can I expect at Gracelands Nursery school if my child has special educational needs?



We want your child to feel safe and happy at school.
At Gracelands we appreciate each child is unique.
We are an inclusive setting and support the needs of
all children.

All children have rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or a girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis. (Article 2)

Open and Honest Communication

Gracelands will meet the needs of children with the following SEND:

- Communication and Interaction: Autism and Social Communication and Speech, Language and Communication needs.
- Cognition and Learning: Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health.
- Sensory /Physical: Hearing, Visual Multisensory or physical impairments

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Who can I talk to about my child's special educational needs or if I have concerns about my child?

Each child has their own key person who will be able to explain what is being done to support your child's individual needs and will help your child to learn and enjoy their time at Gracelands.

Gail Goldberg is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO). She can be contacted on 0121 7723124 or at enquiry@grclands.bham.sch.uk She works with children, staff, parents and agencies to ensure that provision is in place to meet all pupils' needs.

The SENDCO will explain everything to you and make sure that you understand what is happening. We always encourage you to speak to your child's key worker too. We share information honestly and the door is always open for you to talk to any member of our team.

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Gail Goldberg
SENDCo



Sam Richards
Executive Head Teacher



Harshila Parmar
Deputy Head Teacher
Level 3 Early Years SENCO
qualification
Behaviour Coordinator

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What will happen if the nursery have concerns about my child?

We will talk to you if we think your child needs extra support. We will involve you in discussions about how professional people may be able to offer support and we will always ask for permission before we invite professionals into school. We follow our SEND policy when identifying, assessing and planning for individual children's needs.

What will happen next?

We will monitor and review your child's progress regularly and you and your child will be invited to join us to discuss these outcomes and give your views, as well as sharing progress or concerns from home. You and your child will be involved in making plans and setting targets for your child's learning. We will also ask families to give us feedback to help us to improve the ongoing development of our SEND provision.

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Co-production

Gracelands Nursery School is committed to co-production. We place equal value on the opinions and contributions from children, parents and carers, and professionals in making decisions and improving the services, support, experiences and outcomes of children with Special Educational Needs. Co-production therefore requires involving you in an open and inclusive manner, right from the very start of your child's journey with us as a means of building and maintaining trust.

You can out more on the Birmingham Local Website

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/co-production/>

You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously. (Article 12)

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How will the nursery help my child to learn?

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage and our bespoke curriculum offers a wide range of learning opportunities through high quality teaching by qualified staff. We understand that children learn and develop in different ways. Children are taught in whole group sessions and small group sessions.

We follow Birmingham's Ordinarily Available Guidance (OAG) which helps all schools and education settings maintain high-quality, inclusive practice. It provides a clear, shared expectation of what we do every day to create inclusive classrooms and learning environments.

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/online-ordinarily-available-guidance/>

When children need a little extra help, we offer additional learning opportunities in small groups and 1:1 where possible – these groups allow children to develop their confidence and specific skills.

Sometimes children need a bit more support. When this happens, we may need to ask professional people, with more specific expertise, to help us to help your child. We will help your child to access a broad and balanced range of activities and learning opportunities. We use a range of strategies including visual timetables, Makaton signs, symbols and other resources and adaptations to help enhance learning.

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What resources are available to support my child's learning and development?



We have a range of resources to support children's learning and development. These include:

- Sensory Room and activities
- Cause and consequence toys
- Motion toys
- Sensory baskets
- Musical toys and instruments
- Access to WELLCOMM resources (to support communication)
- Attention Autism Activities
- Story sacks with visual and auditory props
- Visual time tables that are tailored to the needs of individual children
- OAG Early Years Strategies and Resources [here](#)

Children in nursery have support through adaptive teaching strategies and our child centred curriculum. This means that activities are planned according to the level that the child is working at. This can include a variety of adaptations, including changes to physical environment, use of resources, changes to teaching styles, as well as tailored adult support.

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How we evaluate our provision for Children with SEND

Early years providers must provide information for parents on how they support children with SEN and disabilities, and should regularly review and evaluate the quality and breadth of the support they offer or can access for children with SEN or disabilities.

Maintained Nursery Schools and all providers of relevant early education to children with SEN must co-operate with the local authority in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the Local Offer. Providers should work in partnership with other local education providers to explore how different types of need can be met most effectively.

The effectiveness of the support and its impact on a child's progress should be reviewed in line with the agreed date. The impact and quality of the support should be evaluated by the practitioner and the SENDCO working with the child's parents and taking into account the child's views.

They should agree any changes to the outcomes and support for the child in light of the child's progress and development.

Parents should have clear information about the impact of the support provided and be involved in planning next steps.

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Staff at Gracelands Nursery support all children with their Personal, Social and Emotional development.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) is a Prime Area of the Early Years Foundation Stage and all children are supported to make positive relationships and to develop a sense of themselves. This is underpinned through the Key Person Approach. Children are supported to develop social skills, become independent and learn how to manage their feelings. Children are also supported to understand appropriate behaviour and to develop confidence in themselves.

Our Behaviour Coordinator (BECO) is Harshila Parmar (Deputy Head Teacher) and she is available to talk to parents about any concerns with their child's behaviour.

When children need support with PSED, we follow our behaviour policy. All behaviour incidences are recorded and adults monitor these to identify patterns and potential early bullying.

Occasionally, a child may have complex behavioural difficulties. In these cases, our BECO will meet with parents/carers, together with their child's teacher, to devise an Individual Behaviour Plan. After 4 to 6 weeks, another meeting will be arranged to discuss the child's progress and plan the next steps for support.

Children have the right to be safe from harm. (Article 19)

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**Staff at Gracelands receive appropriate training
so that they have the knowledge and confidence
to support children's needs.**

- All our staff have received Level 1 AET Autism Training. This is renewed every two years. One member of staff have received Level 2 Training.
- Staff use a language screening tool called WellComm to assess and set targets to support children's Communication and Language development.
- The SENCo has completed L3 ELKLAN training.
- Staff have training to support the development of speech and language (ELDP) and well being and self esteem.
- Staff have taken part in core Makaton training.
- Two staff have been trained to deliver Attention Autism programme.
- Staff have been trained to deliver Sensory Food Play Interventions.
- Staff visit other settings to ensure they support children's' needs appropriately.
- The SENCo has completed the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination.
- The SENCo attends city wide and local Special Educational needs network meetings.
- The Executive Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher and one teaching assistant have completed the Level 3 SENCo qualification.
- Staff receive annual allergy, asthma, eczema training and other medical needs as they arise.
- Staff receive 'TEAM TEACH' training (practical de-escalation and crisis intervention strategies to minimise risk and manage conflict safely and respectfully) every three years.
- Additional training is available as the need arises for a cohort of children.

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Will my child be able to access all activities at nursery?

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School and are committed to equality. There are no outsiders here. We aim for every child to fulfil their potential. All children work alongside their peers and are encouraged to access the wide variety of activities. Children also take part in regular trips in the local community and further afield.

We have a small woodland area, outdoor kitchen and growing area which all children get to participate in.

All parents are invited to workshops and celebration events.



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How will the nursery day be made accessible to my child with SEND?

The school has been adapted to ensure accessibility for all pupils.

Such adaptations include:

- Changing facilities
- 'Open plan' nursery environment layout allows for mobility and pupil access.
- Visual timetables
- Disability access ramps across the school
- Specialist equipment such as chairs, standing frames and walkers (obtained through the Child Development Centre and Physiotherapists if they are needed for the child during their nursery day)
- Quiet teaching spaces to support children's listening and attention skills
- Sensory spaces
- Care plans are completed prior to starting nursery these involve all professionals, teachers, SENDCo Support and Parent/Carers
- 'All About Me' one page profiles

What professionals may become involved with my child?

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We will work together to get the very best for your child. Depending upon your child's needs we will ask for help from others, with your permission.

Birmingham Specialist SEND Support Services:

The Educational Psychologist (EP) Supports us to help children with Special Educational needs and developmental issues.

The Communication and Autism Team (CAT) - Supports our autism knowledge and work strategically with us to embed good autism practice.

Language Learning and Strategic Support (LA&SS) works with us to help pupils with cognition, learning, and language difficulties.

Physical Support Team: Supports children with Physical disabilities

Hearing and Vision Support Teams.

Early Years Inclusion Support: Support children with SEND prior to starting Nursery. Provide Inclusion

Therapy Teams: Speech and Language Therapists (SALT) and Occupational Therapist (OT)

Children and Young People Occupational Therapy, Physical Support Team.

Child Development Centre - The service is for pre-school children with physical or developmental delay who may need additional help, support or intervention in order to reach their potential.

Health professionals - Community Paediatrician, Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Sensory Support, Health Visitors.

How does the Nursery support children with Special Educational Needs through transition?

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We aim to make times of transition as easy as possible for the children in Nursery.

When starting at our nursery school we:

- Complete a home visit to meet the child and their family
- Hold discussions with staff from previous settings
- Read any relevant reports and liaise with any professionals already involved with your child
- Hold open days in July

During the day we:

- Provide visual timetables, Makaton, objects of reference and photographs
- Talk about changes to the day
- Use a 'now' and 'next' board if necessary

When moving to primary school we:

- Invite the SENCO and key staff from the school into Nursery
- Talk to the key staff at the new school about things that will help your child to learn and be happy at school
- Talk to the child about their new school

Will I be involved in decisions about my child?

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We will always involve you in decisions about your child and listen to your views and also try and involve your child in decisions about their learning.

We will be happy to direct you to organisations who can give advice and support to help you and your child.

Complaints

If you have any complaints about your child's provision or progress at Gracelands Nursery, please speak to the Executive Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher, SENCo or your child's key person. Further information can be found in our complaints policy [here](#).



Support Services that can help Parents/Carers who have a Child with SEND

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- **SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Service)**
Tel: 0121 303 5004 Email: SENDIASS@birmingham.gov.uk
- **Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team (SENAR)** Tel: 0121 303 1888
- **Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS)** Tel: 0121 303 1888
Email: cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk
- **Communication Autism Team** Tel: 0121 675 5057 Email: a2e@birmingham.gov.uk
- **Birmingham Virtual School is the Children in Care Education Services CiCES** 0121 464 6599
birminghamvirtualschool@birmingham.gov.uk
- **Therapy Teams:** <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/therapies/>
- **Paediatric Occupational Therapy:** Advice Line 0121 683 2325 Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Advice Line (using an interpreter) 0121 516 3388 Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.
- **Speech and Language Therapy:** Advice Line: 0121 466 6231
- **Neurodevelopmental Pathway teams:** For advice and support when your child is on the NDP pathway. Autism Team on 0121 683 2320, option 5 or Email: bchc.autismsupporthub@nhs.net
- Your child's **health visitor** is also a good place to start if you have any concerns about your child's development.

Birmingham's Local Offer can be found at: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

Support Services & Charities that can help Parents/Carers who have a child with SEND

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- **Autism West Midlands** Tel: 0121 450 7575 www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk
- **National Autistic Society** www.autism.org.uk
- **IPSEA** www.ipsea.org.uk
- **Downs Syndrome Association** Tel: 02890 665 260 www.downs-syndrome.org.uk
- **Mencap** www.midlandmencap.org.uk
- **SENSE** www.sense.org.uk
- **Carers Association** www.carersuk.org
- **NICE (Conductive Education)** <https://conductive-education.org.uk/>
- **Cerebral Palsy Midlands** www.cpmids.org.uk
- **Cerebra** www.cerebra.org.uk
- **Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus** www.shinecharity.org.uk
- **Birmingham Institute of the Deaf** www.bid.org.uk
- **Birmingham Royal Institute for the Blind** www.brib.org.uk
- **Kids Charity** www.kids.org.uk
- **Birmingham Early years Networks** [Birmingham Early Years Networks](#) | [Families Page](#)
- **Family Hubs** bring together a range of organisations and professionals to offer early help services, advice, guidance, and support <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/FamilyHubs>

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

ARTICLE 17: Every child has a right reliable information from a variety of sources.

ARTICLE 19: Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment.

What parents say about us

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'I sincerely thank all of the staff for the care, support, patience, and kindness you have shown my daughter during her time at Gracelands. Your dedication has made a real difference to her development, and we will always be grateful for everything you have done for her and our family'. July 2026

'SENCo is great at supporting with SEND, She is also approachable and listens to an concerns or worries and gives advice..'. July 2026

'Before coming to nursery she did not speak clearly, now she does'. 2026

Thank you for your incredible support throughout my son's journey. Your patience, understanding and commitment have made a difference. He will miss bucket time with you. Becoming a first time SEND mum was a journey I never expected and at times it felt overwhelming. You were always there to listen, reassure me and answer my many questions. Your kindness has meant more than you will ever know. My son has felt safe, valued and understood and you have given him the best start to his learning journey. Thank you for believing in him, taking the time to understand him. We will never forget the difference you have made.' July 2026

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'The nursery have been very helpful and very patient with my child who can often get into meltdowns and cry a lot but they have supported him well and been extremely patient with him this has made him love nursery he feels happy and safe there. They have also been very supportive to me as a mom of a SEN child with getting the support I need and been very helpful with the change of primary school very last minute they have been able to complete all paper work and not made me feel like I am pressuring them with a lot of work. They have made me feel very supportive and always give me the best advice.'2026

'Thank you so much for supporting us! You (SENCo and key person) are amazing at your job. I look forward to working with you again next year to help my son flourish and progress in his learning'
July 2026

'I would like to thank you a lot for the support you have given me to help my daughter. Thank you for doing the EHCP. I know it was stressful but we eventually got it!. Thank you for being there when I was at my lowest and for being there for me whenever I needed help with anything. I cannot believe how far my daughter has come'. July 2026

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What others say about us:

‘All staff are committed to ensuring ASC pupils have high quality learning through appropriate play experiences which meets their developmental needs. Gracelands Nursery School work within the Autism Education Trust Early Years Standards and are:

Adapting the curriculum, teaching and learning to promote well-being and success for CYP on the autism spectrum, (Standard 8) through the training they receive from the Communication and Autism Team’.

Viv Walters (Communication and Autism Team Birmingham)
July 2024

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'I have enjoyed working at Gracelands. It's always a pleasure to go into settings that clearly care a lot about every child that they have on roll and you do a brilliant job of managing some very complex needs' - Educational Psychologist 2022

This is the best nursery I have visited. All staff at the nursery work so hard and I am impressed by their care, affection and dedication towards all children .

Everyone is so enthusiastic to provide support and make a difference to all children with special needs. Everyone I spoke to and interacted with are keen to do and try different things with FA to help her progress with her physical skills. Keep up the motivation, good work and spirit at Graceland's Nursery School!! -Physiotherapist 2024

UNICEF: We are a Rights Respecting School

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Gracelands Nursery School aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

ARTICLE 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full a decent life with dignity and as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

ARTICLE 28: Every child has a right to an education.

ARTICLE 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full

ARTICLE 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

This SEND Information Report can be read in conjunction with the following Policies and documents:

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Inclusion and Special Educational needs Policy <https://shorturl.at/1GRf6>

Birmingham Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools Inclusion and Supporting Children with SEND
<https://bfmns.sch.life/Page/Detail/inclusion>

Behaviour policy anti-bullying policy care and control policy <https://shorturl.at/uI2OG>

Looked after children (lac) and previously looked after children (plac) policy <https://shorturl.at/CQRnd>

Gracelands Nursery School's Accessibility Plan <https://shorturl.at/jl6i6>

Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years
[SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Complaints Policy <https://shorturl.at/fYpVr>